

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a list of all claims that have been pending in the instant application with parenthetical status notations. An instruction line precedes each claim that is amended, cancelled, or added by the instant paper.

Please **amend** claim 1 as follows:

1. [CURRENTLY AMENDED] An expression vector

~~comprising~~comprising:

a vaccinia virus with reduced pathogenicity in an
animal ~~host~~host, which comprises an E3L gene
~~having~~that has a deletion of the region encoding
amino acids 184-190 of the E3L gene ~~product~~
~~wherein said vector further comprises~~ protein and
encodes a protein that binds dsRNA; and

~~exogenous DNA operably linked to~~and regulatory
elements ~~that control expression of said~~
~~exogenous DNA~~operably linked thereto.

2. [ORIGINAL] The expression vector of claim 1 wherein
said exogenous DNA encodes an antigen.
3. [ORIGINAL] The expression vector of claim 1 in which
one or more non-essential virus-encoded gene functions
have been deleted from the vaccinia virus.

4. [ORIGINAL] A composition comprising the expression vector of claim 1 and a carrier.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. [CURRENTLY AMENDED] A method of making a recombinant gene product ~~comprising~~comprising:

subjecting an expression vector

~~comprising~~comprising:

a vaccinia virus with reduced pathogenicity in an animal ~~host~~host, which comprises an E3L gene ~~having~~that has a deletion of the region encoding amino acids 184-190 of the E3L gene ~~product~~protein and ~~wherein said vector further comprises~~ encodes a protein that binds dsRNA; and

exogenous DNA that encodes ~~said~~a recombinant gene product ~~operably linked to~~and regulatory elements ~~that control expression thereof~~operably linked the exogenous DNA,

to conditions whereby said recombinant gene
product is expressed.

6. [ORIGINAL] The method of claim 5 further comprising
recovering said recombinant gene product.
7. [CANCELLED]